

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-10, 11, 13 and 14 are pending in the application. Claim 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 12. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in Claim 12.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1, 6, 11, 13-16 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Trull et al. US 5,947,929 (hereinafter "Trull").

The Office Action alleges that Claims 1 and 8, Trull teaches a syringe (210), a body (212), a plunger (220) in an injector (250) with a housing (250), and a piston (240/rod 254), with a collet (and elastomeric) member (238) which releasable grasps and retracts the plunger (220) (Fig. 13).

Regarding Claim 11, Claim 11 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of Claim 12. Accordingly, Claim 11 is believed to be allowable.

Further, regarding Claims 13-14, Claims 13-14 depend from Claim 11, which as discussed are believed to be allowable. Thus, Claims, 13 and 14 are also believed to be allowable.

Withdrawal of Finality of the Office Action

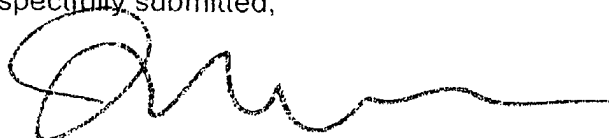
The Office Action is indicated as Final. However, Applicants request that reconsideration of the finality of the Office Action be reconsidered.

Regarding Claims 16, 17 and 18, the Office Action does not indicate Trull discloses every element of the claimed invention in as complete detail as is contained in the claims. In particular, Trull discloses at para 10, lines 52-65 that the resilient elements 233 and 234 merely to translate to move radially outward or radially inward. Thus, there is no axial compression of elements 233, 234. Accordingly, Trull does not anticipate Claim 16 of Applicants' invention.

Regarding Claims 17 and 18, which depend from Claims 1 and 8, respectively, Claims 17 and 18 are directed to the elastomeric member (or collet member) expanding from an unstressed condition. Trull does not disclose the inventions of Claims 17 and 18, and are therefore believed to be allowable. Reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and the Examiner would be justified in allowing them.

Respectfully submitted,



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